

27 June 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Use of the term "intelligence information" in  
Statement of Functions of CIA Offices.

REFERENCE: (a) Administrative Instruction   Dissemination  
of CIA-produced Intelligence and Information,  
dated 11 May 1950

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(b) NSCID Nos. 6, 7, and 14

1. We have received your two-page memo of 19 June about using "intelligence information" -- and have not been convinced! "Intelligence" is not an adjective, so we deplore its use as a short cut to describe the type of information in which CIA is interested.

2. We contemplate no "sweeping changes", or any other changes, in your functions. Your monitoring and collecting should still be selective for our purposes. If you wish to describe the raw information you collect, let it be for the purposes of Intelligence, or for use by the Intelligence Agencies, or even for "foreign positive intelligence".

3. We desire to avoid confusion and to keep information (raw, positive, or otherwise) separate from the end result of Intelligence, obtained after the raw information has been evaluated. Rather than use "raw information" and "evaluated information", we still think we should stick to "information" and "intelligence". In this profession, they are two different things. Wherever you use "intelligence information" in your memo, you could use "information for Intelligence Purposes".

4. And, according to the large Webster dictionary's definition (b), we cannot use "Intelligence Office"!

PRESCOTT CHILDS, Chief  
Coordination, Operations  
and Policy Staff

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TO : Chief, COAPS

DATE: 22 JUN 1950

FROM : Assistant Director, ORE

SUBJECT: Use of the Term "Intelligence Information"

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Reference: Memorandum from AD/00 to COAPS dated 19 June 1950

1. This Office concurs in the views expressed by the Office of Operations in the reference.

  
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1. As a result of the definitions of "CIA-produced intelligence" and "CIA-produced information", as given in reference a., and your feeling, expressed during the drafting of the instruction, that the previously-used term "intelligence information report" was unnecessary and redundant, we have encountered considerable difficulty in revising the statement of the functions of this office, which is currently required for the re-issuance of the CIA Organization Charts.

2. According to representatives of the Management Staff, the term "intelligence information" is now forbidden. It may not be used in any context, and must be replaced by the words "foreign information" or a phrase such as "intelligence data" or "information for intelligence purposes". Although we understand your objections to the use of the term in apposition to the word "report", and we are in accord with the provisions of Administrative Instruction [ ] with regard to the definition of "CIA-produced information" and the preparation and publication of plain "information reports", we believe that in any discussion of collection operations, the term "intelligence information" is indispensable. ←

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3. The following are examples of the sweeping changes in the functions and responsibilities of this office which would result from any substitutions for this term in connection with overt collection or the exploitation of primary sources:

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4. In view of the use of this term or the words "intelligence information" in most of the current NSCID's, and the specific delegation to this office of the implementation of certain functional aspects of those directives cited in reference b., it is believed that the changes in wording proposed by Management involve agency policy rather than minor preferences in English usage.

5. We are in favor of the developing tendency in the intelligence agencies to define and distinguish between the concepts of raw "information" and finished "intelligence", since this clarifies our collection mission. We also concur in the simplification of terms whenever possible--as, for example, in the term "information requirement", which obviously represents a request for intelligence information if it is issued by an intelligence-producing agency or one represented on the Intelligence Advisory Committee. It should be recognized, however, that Foreign Documents Division often receives "information requirements" from various components of the armed services for purely historical information to be translated or extracted from foreign language documents, and that these can be rejected solely on the basis that ~~it is~~ our functions in regard to such material are limited to the production of intelligence information.

6. It is therefore requested that the ban on this term be lifted, and that we be permitted to use it whenever necessary in the statement of our functions or in the conduct of our collection operations. Although circumlocutions such as "information for intelligence purposes" or "CIA-produced information" can often be substituted, we cannot collect the latter directly from our sources, and there are certain cases in which the use of the term "intelligence information" is imperative.

GEORGE G. CAREY

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